

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that support for the pore size can be found at least in claim 13 and on page 2 of the application as originally filed. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 30 and 31 depend from a now allowable claim and serve only to further limit that which is claimed in the now allowable claim 27. The other characteristics are inherent characteristics more clearly recited. The other characteristics further describe aspects present in the application as originally filed. For example, elastic modulus, or modulus of elasticity, is the mathematical description of an object or substance's tendency to be deformed elastically (i.e., non-permanently) when a force is applied to it. Applicants respectfully submit that further limitations which state explicitly inherent features serve to further narrow the original scope of the claims and are therefore allowable as they depend from a now allowable claim.

Any extension of time necessary to avoid abandonment of this application is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0281.

Applicant believes that the above constitutes a full and complete reply and that the stated grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated or rendered moot. In view of the above remarks, Applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and promptly withdraw the

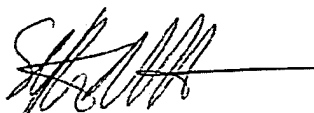
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outstanding objections and rejections. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for any reason so as to expedite the examination of this application

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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